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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-8 and 10-14 are currently pending in the instant case. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended; support for the amendment can be found, *inter alia*, on page 3, lines 16-21.

The claims were rejected under 35 USC 102(a) over Okkels et. al. These rejections are traversed based upon the amendments presented herein. Specifically, Okkels et. al. provide a 9cm x 9cm swatch, but do not provide for a smaller swatch capable fitting into microtiter plate according to the amended claims. Accordingly, Okkels et. al. do not present a *prima facie* case of anticipation with respect to independent claims 1 and 9, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections with respect to all the claims are respectfully requested.

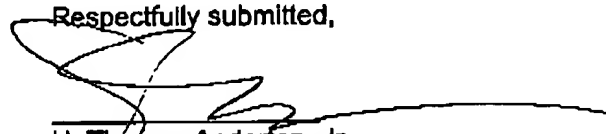
The claims were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. These rejections are traversed based upon the amendments presented herein. Specifically, the claims have been amended to provide context to the term "smaller." Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims are respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments, as well as the remarks, the Applicants believe the pending claims are in condition for allowance and issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (650) 846-7544.

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